covered of CAP 99, slipped back and quality affected habitations. In the first three quarters of 2006-07, a total amount of Rs. 4207.05 crores have been utilized for covering 55452 habitations which similarly included uncovered, partially covered of CAP 99, slipped back and quality affected habitations. The remaining uncovered habitations are proposed to be covered by 2008-09 under Bharat Nirman.

Wider consultation on Land Acquisition Act, 1894

4567. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 240, given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th March, 2007 and state:

(a) whether Government have made any efforts to invite concerned people to give their views on issues related to Land Acquisition Act of 1894;

(b) if not, what are the reasons for restricting discussions only to State Governments;

(c) whether Government would consider inviting views from the Forum on Social and Human Rights, to elaborate changes sought and difficulties being faced by the poor farmers and backward classes; and

(d) the steps proposed to carefully weigh proposals for the new Relief Policy, and give them weightage, based on their practical utility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) Wide-ranging consultations have been held by this Ministry in revising the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families-2003. The draft National Rehabilitation Policy-2006 (NRP-2006) was circulated to the States, UTs and concerned departments of the Government of India for comments. Also, the draft NRP-2006 was placed in the public domain on the websites of the Department of Land Resources as well as the Ministry of Rural Development. Public notices were issued in leading national and regional newspapers, inviting comments from the general public on the draft. Copies of the draft were also made available to the public, free of charge, at the facilitation counter of the Ministry at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. Comments from a number of non-governmental organizations as well as from the public at large were received, which were examined

and duly taken into consideration in revising of the draft policy. Thus, it is not true that the discussions were confined only to the State Governments.

Also, a meeting with a group of people from outside the Government who have been actively involved in rehabilitation matters was held by this Ministry. Thus, ample avenues for offering comments on the subject have been provided to the public.

The draft policy is being finalized with the objectives of minimizing displacement and promoting, as far as possible, non-displacing or least displacing alternatives, considering social impact assessment (SIA) of projects above defined thresholds, ensuring adequate rehabilitation packages and expeditious implementation of the rehabilitation process with the active participation of the displaced persons. Necessary amendments to the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 are also being examined. However, the matter is not yet finalised.

Funds to Rajasthan for computerization of land records

4568. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Rajasthan, during each of the last three years, year-wise, for computerization of land records;

(b) the funds remaining unutilized so far, and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the records are likely to be computerized fully, and what has been the progress, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Funds released to Rajasthan State during the last three years for computerisation of land records (CLR) is as under:—

Year	Funds released (Rs. in lakh)
2004-05	—
2005-06	1332.20
2006-07	414.00